



# WISCONSIN REGULATORY DIGEST

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## **Chapter DE, 7 Local Anesthesia Administration by Licensed Dental Hygienists is proceeding...slow, but sure!**

We have received a number of questions from both dentist and dental hygienists interested in the progress of the law and chemotherapeutic agents. In a nutshell, both are progressing normally through the law making and legislative process.

The public hearing was held for the local anesthesia portion of Chapter DE 7 in March of 1999. As no controversy was presented, it was presented to the draft clearinghouse for review then on to the legislature for continued process. At this point the legislature has an opportunity to request the board to hold another public hearing on either or both issues. This is not anticipated, but is a part of a normal legislative process. Due to the

time needed for this type of law-making, we are advising all dental professionals to delay registering for any continuing education coursework until the rule is in effect.

The proposed rule making order of the Dentistry Examining Board promulgates rules mandated under 1997 Wisconsin Act 96, regarding the education required of dental hygienists to receive a certificate to administer local anesthesia to patients. Under the Act the scope of practice of a qualified dental hygienist is expanded to permit the administration of local anesthesia pursuant to a treatment plan approved by a dentist who is present in the dental facility when local anesthesia is administered to the patient throughout the completion of the appointment. These rules establish the education required of a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia, as well as the application procedures for receiving a certificate from the Board to perform that function. The rules were developed in conjunction with the Wisconsin Dental Association and Wisconsin Dental Hygienist Association. The rules require that a dental hygienist complete 21 hours of instruction in local anesthesia provided by an accredited dental or dental hygiene school. The course is to be comprised of at least 10 hours of didactic instruction in relevant subject matters and at least 11 hours in the clinical administration of local anesthesia. At the completion of this course work the licensed dental hygienist shall indicate the successful completion of an inferior alveolar injection on a patient who was informed of the situation and granted his or her consent to the dentist, and that the dentist assume liability for the injection performed on the patient. This is a statement that must contain a signature of the employing dentist who supervised and verified this injection. If a dental hygienist is licensed by endorsement of a dental hygienist license from another state, this statement of successful completion of an inferior alveolar injection must be

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within six weeks of becoming licensed as a dental hygienist in this state.

Other education requirements include:

1. Evidence of current qualification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.<sup>8</sup>
2. Didactic instruction at a minimum of 10 hours including, but not limited to:
  - A. Neurophysiology and pain perception
  - B. Basic pharmacology and drug interaction.
  - C. Chemistry, pharmacology and clinical properties of local anesthesia, vaso constrictors and topical anesthesia.
  - D. Anatomic considerations for administration of anesthesia.
  - E. Patient assessment for administration of anesthesia
  - F. Selection and preparation of armamentarium.
  - G. Recognition management and emergency response to local complications.
  - H. Recognition management and emergency response to systemic complications.
  - I. Ethical and legal considerations.
  - J. Techniques for regional anesthesia.
3. Experience in the clinical administration of local anesthesia. Minimum of 11 hours in the following techniques:
  - I. Maxillary
    - A. Posterior superior alveolar.
    - B. Middle superior alveolar.
    - C. Anterior superior alveolar.
    - D. Greater/lesser palatine.
    - E. Nasopalatine.
    - F. Supraperiosteal (infiltration) injection.
  - II Mandibular
    - A. Inferior alveolar/lingual.
    - B. Mental/incisive nerve block.
    - C. Buccal nerve.
    - D. Periodontal ligament injection.
    - E. Intraosseal injection.

A draft copy of the DE 7 in its entirety can be obtained by request from the Dept. of Regulation and Licensing, 1400 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.

Although progress is slow...we are confident in the forward movement. Stay tuned!

### Records Transfers

One of the questions the Board is frequently asked is: What is the responsibility of the dentist regarding patient records when a patient requests a transfer of their records to either themselves or a different dental office?

The law states that when a patient submits a statement of informed consent, they are to receive a copy of their written health care records or have those records transferred to a dentist of their choice upon payment of reasonable costs.

The patient is also entitled to receive a copy of their x-rays or have the x-rays, either copies or originals, transferred to another health care provider of their choice upon payment of reasonable costs and presentation of an informed consent. We strongly recommend that when a transfer of x-rays occurs, that copies be transferred and the originals be retained by the dentist who took them unless the quality of the original is necessary for ongoing treatment. If this occurs, arrangements should be made for the return of the original radiograph following treatment.

### Disciplines

MARY WIELGUS, D.D.S.

APPLETON WI SUSPEND INDEFINITELY

Struck an attorney who attempted to serve legal process on her, causing him physical injury. Made threats to burn down or explode his office. Engaged in violent and abusive conduct in her dental office in the presence of patients and employees. May petition at any time within 5 years for a stay of suspension. Sec. 447.07(3)(a), Stats. DE 5.02(1),(4),(5),(15) Case #LS9811059DEN

WILLIAM W. GILMORE, D.D.S.

JANESVILLE WI

REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS

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KIRK D. ALMENDINGER, DDS.

FOREST LAKE MN FORFEITURE/COSTS

License expired on 9/30/97. Applied for renewal but due to a tax delinquency his renewal was denied. Between 11/13/97 and continuing on through at least the end of August, 1998, continued to practice without current license registration. Effective 5/2/99. Secs. 447.03(1), 447.07(3)(a), (f), Stats. Case #LS9905221DEN

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RICHARD OLSEN, D.D.S.

DEERFIELD WI REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE

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Department of Health and Family Services entered a cease and desist order effective 4/9/98 prohibiting him from using his x-ray machine for failure to pay his annual renewal of his x-ray equipment. Effective 5/5/99. Secs. 447.03 (3)(a),(f), Stats. DE 5.02(15) Case #LS9905052DEN

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September 1, 1999  
November 3, 1999

### Wisconsin Statutes and Code:

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RICHARD E. NELLEN, D.D.S.

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